IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA No. DA 09-0253

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STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

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JOSHUA HAWKEYE LEWIS,

Defendant and Appellant.

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF

The Appellee, State of Montana, respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time until March 18, 2010, in which to prepare, serve, and file its response brief in the above-entitled matter. The brief is presently due on February 16, 2010, and this is the State's first extension request.

This motion is made due to the heavy workload under which the attorney assigned to this case is presently working, making it impossible to properly research, consider, and brief the issues raised by the Appellant within the time allotted.

Opposing counsel has been contacted concerning this motion, and does not object. Respectfully submitted this 16th day of February, 2010.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused a true and accurate copy of the foregoing

Motion for Extension of Time to be mailed, first class postage prepaid, to:

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Ms. Taryn Stampfl Hart Assistant Appellate Defender (Hand-delivered into the wire basket located in the reception area in the Attorney General's Office, 215 North Sanders, Helena, MT 59620.)

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